

GENESIS 2:4-15 | STEWARDSHIP AND WORK

This guide is designed to be used for community group discussions, but can easily be adapted for personal reflection.

ENGAGE (15-20 MINUTES)

Real Biblical community involves people “doing life together.” As much as we can, we want to create an atmosphere where people get to know one another, and feel comfortable sharing the ups, downs, and in-betweens of life. So take some time for people to get acquainted. A possible icebreaker question: Share a high and a low from the previous week. Or, rate your week 1-10. Or, make up one of your own.

REFLECTION AND STUDY (30-35 MINUTES)

Read Genesis 1:28-2:15.

1.) What does God provide for humans?

2.) What role/responsibility does man have according to this passage? How does this apply to us now?

3.) Does the role of gardener help to understand any of our responsibilities as workers in God’s creation?

4.) Read Hebrews 2:5-10. What connections do you see between Jesus’ status and God’s original charge to Adam?

5.) Read Rom. 8:18-22. How does Paul describe creation currently? What connection does he make between its bondage and hope, and ours?

6.) Read Ephesians 2:10 and Romans 12:1. "Take your everyday, ordinary life--your sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking around life--and place it before God as an offering." How do these verses encourage you?

PRAYER (15 MINUTES)

Break into men and women for prayer. Share prayer requests and pray for one another. Pray especially that we would rediscover the beauty of Biblical rhythms of work and rest that provide for human flourishing.